Agricultural land affected by floods and cyclone in Andhra Pradesh

@3431. SHRI PRABHAKAR RAO KALVALA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the average agriculture land in Andhra Pradesh affected by floods and cyclone every year since 1986 and average loss suffered as a result thereof, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SHAHI): The average agricultural land affected by floods and cyclones and the average loss suffered as a result thereof since 1986 works out to about 5,82,000 hectares and Rs. 200 crores respectively.

Nation-wide raids on the Offices of the Indian Express Daily

@@3432. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Press Council of India had sought details of the Government's nation-wide raids on offices of the Indian Express daily vide its letter dated September 3, 1987;

(b) whether Government have responded to the request of the Press Council of India; and

(c) if so, when and if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) It was not considered appropriate to disclose the details of the searches as sought for by the Council.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2563 transferred from the 17th March, 1989.

@@Previously Unstarred Question 2654, transferred from the 17th March, 1989.

Refusal of permission to All India SC Development Cooperative Society, Karnataka of Flowers and Vegetables

$3433. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the project concerning the trade of flowers and vegetables on cent per cent export basis of All India Schedule Caste Development Cooperative Society, Karnataka is pending for necessary approval;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the project has been given approval at the Industrial level by National Agricultural Bank for Rural Development (NABARD); and

(c) if so, what are the reasons for delay in granting permission to the concerned remaining approvals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ($HRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (c) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that one hundred per cent Export Oriented Flowers and Vegetables Project was received by them in May 1988 from Canara Bank. The proposal was appraised by an Expert Committee which came to the conclusion that the project was not financially viable.

Revival of India Machinery Company Limited, Howrah

3434. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal for revival of the India Machinery Company Limited, Dasnagar, Howrah in West Bengal; and

$Previously Unstarred Question 2784, transferred from the 17th March, 1989.